## Yasmina Platt

## Bio

Yasmina Platt was born in the beautiful Canary Islands, Spain. Raised in Zaragoza, she has called the United States home for over ten years. Since childhood, she has dreamed of becoming a pilot.

Ms. Platt is a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI and CFII) and flies singles, "multi's," and seaplanes. She enjoys teaching and sharing her love of flying with others. She especially likes to introduce flying to young people who, like her, have dreamed of becoming a pilot. Yasmina holds a B.S. in Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a M.S. in Transportation Planning and Management from Texas Southern University.

Yasmina's professional career includes Major League Soccer tournament management, aircraft sales, transportation research, teaching (ground school, flying and college), and airport planning. Ms. Platt is no stranger to AOPA. She completed an internship at the AOPA Air Safety Institute in the summer of 2007 and participated in the AOPA Airport Support Network for some time as a Volunteer and Board Advisor.

Her passion and commitment for aviation is evident in the number of professional credentials that she holds as well as the number of awards she has acquired. In her spare time, Yasmina is very active with several aviation organizations. Her focus is aviation safety, outreach, research, education, and the promotion and protection of aviation.

Yasmina is truly enjoying her venture representing the Association in the Central Southwest Region covering NM, TX, LA, OK, AR, KS, MO, NE and IA. In this role, her mission is to build strong local GA communities and strengthen AOPA's relationships with state and local governments. In addition to representing AOPA member interests with state and local government officials, she hopes to stimulate and encourage greater involvement among pilots and aviation enthusiasts.

She lives in Houston, TX with her husband Jared, an airline pilot and GA supporter.